

The True Policy.

Upon the assumption that all the southern States will cast their votes in the electoral college of 1884 for the nominees of the Democratic party for President and Vice-President, the necessity for the electoral votes of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut still exists, in order to secure and assure Democratic success and ascendancy. How can that be accomplished? Can it be done by an impractical agitation of the tariff question gravitating towards free trade, and thereby necessarily and naturally disturbing the business and industrial interests of the country? Is it not a self-evident proposition that this agitation of the tariff and this disturbance of industrial interests is at this time without the possibility of beneficial results either to the country or the party? Must it not result in disaster and defeat to our party, almost now in sight of victory? Under the conditions induced by this suicidal agitation New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut will be placed in the list of doubtful States. Then why, in the name of common sense, why let this question, which is purely industrial and economic in all its results and relations, disturb the councils, divide the legions, and mar the harmony of our party when no possible good can be accomplished, and when there are questions and issues of higher dignity and import that at this time should be met and settled?

The adoption by the National Democratic party of the declarations of Ohio and Virginia on the tariff question will result in the elimination of this question as a party issue from the next campaign, and at the same time all the just demands of labor and capital will be fully responded to. Retrenchment and reform in taxation, in the collection of revenue, and in its disbursement, as well as from what subjects this taxation shall be realized, are important subjects. But just now the character of the administration of this Government in all its branches and departments is much more important. Shall this Government be non-sectional? Shall it be for all the people and from all the people? Shall the rights and interests of all the States in an equal degree be recognized and appreciated? Shall the Executive, the Cabinet, the Judiciary, the Diplomatic Corps, be exclusively from one section? Shall the bloody shirt be relegated to the dark days of reconstruction? Shall the South in bestowal of power and distribution of power be treated as conquered provinces? Shall these States of the South with all their varied, vast, and valuable interests be considered as integral parts of a union of States cemented together in an unbroken brotherhood? Shall the Republican party, which has revelled at Washington for twenty-five years, which has debauched every trust committed to it, be given prolonged power? These and other vital questions and issues must first be met, and at their bidding the useless agitation of the tariff question will down.

FEBRUARY 7, 1884.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: As you think it worth while to report what one "lifelong Democrat" says about the Morrison tariff, perhaps you will say another of this year, and a very old subscriber, heartily approves it. I am astonished that every attempt to lighten the intolerable burden upon the greatest industry of the country—i. e., agriculture—should be frowned upon by the Dispatch, and for one, think if the Democracy promise us this year nothing in the way of real reform in the tariff and the civil service, it is about as well that the Republicans should remain in power.

Don't give me name. Just so. That's what we were afraid of—namely, that the men who are clamoring for a revision of the tariff, though they know that neither the Senate nor the President will allow it to be done, would as lief have a Republican as a Democratic President in the event that their wishes in this respect are disregarded. The "lifelong Democrat" I spoke of the other day holds that there are other issues much more important than the tariff to be voted upon this year.

It (the Richmond Dispatch) also asserts, in pretty broad terms, that Virginia will pay no part of the one-third of her debt apportioned to West Virginia—Kanawha (West Va.) Gazette.

"Pretty broad"? Well, we should say so. Virginia has disowned (pace our Rejoinder censor) thirteen millions of dollars of the debt which her own Legislature and courts a few years ago ascertained and decided to be justly hers. What folly, then, to expect her to pay any of the twenty-six millions owing by West Virginia?—that is to say, the sum total of the principal of fifteen millions assigned to West Virginia in 1871, and thirteen years' interest on the same. Not one dime of it will Virginia ever pay. The Gazette might safely make the same prediction on behalf of West Virginia.

THE RIGHT SPIRIT.—Mr. Randall made a Democratic speech in Philadelphia on Friday night, in which he said:

"Never fear that we Democrats in Congress are seriously divided. We know how to unite when the time comes. We may appear to be discordant, but at the end we will all come out in one solid mass like gold out of the crucible. They say in the newspapers that I am neglecting my duties in Congress for this campaign. Well, I will only say that I am able."

"This campaign," as used by Mr. Randall, alludes to the campaign in Philadelphia preceding the municipal elections, which came off this month.

THE WEST VIRGINIA DEBT.—The proper basis for a settlement has been pointed out and provided for by our State Constitutions and Legislature upon the subject.—Greenbrier (W. Va.) Independent.

Give us the figures, friend Harlow. As we understand "the proper basis" to which you allude, the result of a settlement upon that basis would be to find that Virginia owes all and West Virginia none of the debt which was owing by the two States in 1861, or so nearly none that Virginia might as well pay all of the debt.

School superintendents of public free schools are appointed as officers of the United States are appointed—that is, by the Executive (here a Board) and with the advice and consent of the Senate. In the Revised Statutes of the United States will be found the tenure-of-office law. That law contains all the restrictions which the Republicans deemed it within the power of Congress to impose upon the appointing power.

We would greatly prefer to have seven certain than have them weakened in the hope of getting eight.—Norfolk Ledger.

Building Certificates.

The proposition that Virginia shall propose arbitration to West Virginia in regard to the public debt of the two States is based upon the assumption that there is something to be arbitrated.

What is it?

Is Virginia ready to admit that arbitrators can decide that she must pay a portion of the debt which she has assigned to West Virginia?

Or is arbitration necessary in order that West Virginia may be enabled to pay her third of the debt?

The bill before the Senate graciously or audaciously proposes to release Virginia in a certain contingency from all obligation to pay any part of the debt of West Virginia. Virginia has already relieved herself of all obligation on that score. We do not believe there is one Democrat in the Virginia Legislature (we say nothing as to the Constitutionists, for they might like to have a debt debate), who will say that Virginia will ever pay, or ought ever to pay, a dime of West Virginia's third of the debt of the two States.

If Virginia has already relieved herself of all obligation in this regard, what is she to gain by a second release? Is she to concede that she owes all the debt and West Virginia none of it? West Virginia owing Virginia whatever she owes at all?

The holders of the West Virginia certificates ought to present them to West Virginia at once. That State knows whether it will pay any part of them or not. Virginia does not know, and does not care to know.

The Southern Pulpit for February has a number of sermons from superior preachers—Dr. WITHERSPOOK, Rev. Mr. FRENCH, Dr. ANDERSON; also, "Preparations of the Sermon," by Bishop SIMPSON; a number of short discourses; editorial suggestions on the "Visit of the Magi," with large collections of apt articles on religious subjects, and a body of illustrations on "Prayer." Each No. of the Pulpit is a broad-page magazine replete with much valuable matter. The price is \$1.50 a year. Address Southern Pulpit, Richmond, Va.

We see that the editorial suggestion we made some weeks ago of a convention of the press of Virginia has been extensively endorsed; but we think the situation has toned down considerably since then, and unless some rascal of a free-trader insists upon reading our respected contemporary the Dispatch "out of the party" all is likely to be calm and serene.—Charlottesville Chronicle.

The Chronicle is right. The Virginia Democratic editors begin to see eye to eye. All we ask is that they agree to disagree. They do not agree in opinion on the tariff question, and can't be forced to agree.

New Books.

Susan Drummond. A Novel. By Mrs. J. H. RIDEHAL. Price, 20 cents.

This is No. 361 of Harper's Franklin-Square Library.

For sale by WEST, JOHNSTON & CO.

A Roundabout Journey. By CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER. Boston: HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN & Co. 1884. Price, \$1.50.

Mr. WARNER is well known as an entertaining writer. This book of travels in France, Spain, Italy, Africa, and where not, will enable the reader to while away several pleasant hours. It may be laid down, too, though interesting. Here is a paragraph that reminds us once more that the Capitol of Virginia has never yet been finished. It was modelled after a temple in Nismes, France, of which Mr. WARNER speaks as follows:

"Another charming specimen of the grace and architectural refinement of the Augustan age is the Maison Carree, a beautiful little Corinthian temple, still in good preservation, and used as a museum of local curiosities."

Our Capitol dates back to the Augustan age. We hope that before many years shall have elapsed Virginia will erect a new one upon the plan of the temple at Nismes, (this plan may be seen in the Capitol, we think.) But all this is off the subject.

For sale by WEST, JOHNSTON & CO.

Where Did Life Begin? A Brief Enquiry as to the Probable Place of Beginning and the Natural Causes of Migration from the Tropics to the Polar Regions of the Earth. A Monograph. By G. HINTON SCRIBNER. New York: CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS. 1883. Price, \$1.25.

Mr. SCRIBNER assumes that the nebular hypothesis or theory is true, and, being true, that the earth at the poles cooled off first, and, consequently, that life began in the frigid zone.

For sale by WEST, JOHNSTON & CO.

Excursion of an Evolutionist. By JOHN BOSTON: HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN & Co. 1884. Price, \$2.

Some years ago, we greatly admired JOHN FISKE. We admire him much less now. His lectures to post-graduates at Harvard University were wonderfully charming productions even to read. He is an evolutionist of the most pronounced type—that is, holds the doctrine of evolution to be as well settled as that the sum of two and two is four. This is our objection to his writings. For accuracy of expression and clearness of thought he is remarkable.

For sale by WEST, JOHNSTON & CO.

Messrs. WEST, JOHNSTON & Co. have also sent us another copy of that genuinely French book, "John Bull and His Island." Price 50 cents. Nobody but a Frenchman could have written it. Everybody can laugh, or at least smile, in reading it.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

It is understood that Rev. Father Thomas J. Wilson, of twelve years pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church in this city, is to be transferred to Harper's Ferry. The report of his probable early departure from Petersburg has greatly distressed his congregation, who are intensely devoted to him. They are without any definite information as to the cause of his departure. He has been absent during the week. Father Wilson has accomplished a great work in and around Petersburg, and his loss will be regretted by people of all denominations.

It is learned that a petition is to be presented to the General Assembly to create a new county out of portions of Southampton, Sussex, and Surry counties, with the county-seat at Wakefield. The movement is said to meet with much favor in the counties interested, and it is claimed that the population of the new county will fully justify its formation, without detriment to the old ones.

At a meeting of the citizens of Sussex county held on Thursday, at the Court-house, resolutions were adopted for the appointment of a committee of three to petition the Legislature for another vote on the county subscription to the Atlantic and Danville railroad. At the election last year the county voted to subscribe \$5,000 per mile for each mile of the railroad in the county. It is claimed by the opponents of the subscription that the county is financially unable to give such a large amount, aggregating about \$110,000.

ALL OVER THE STATE.

THE MAD WATERS OF THE JAMES.

Transcendence Rises in the River at Lynchburg.

The Water-Works Under Water and the Supply Cut Off—The Water-Guards Above the City in Danger—Serious Fears.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, Va., February 9, 1884.

The river at this point is nine feet above low-water mark and rapidly rising. The city pumping-works are overpowered and the water supply of the city is entirely cut off. Considerable fear is entertained of a destructive flood. The water-guards at the first lock above the city are giving way under the pressure of the water thrown against them by the Richmond and Alleghany dam extension. Every effort is being made to hold them in position, for should they break loose the entire upper and lower basin districts will be swept by the mad waters and the Richmond and Alleghany railroad track destroyed.

ALL ALONG THE JAMES—A STEADY RISE.

The following is the report of the condition of the James river furnished the Dispatch from various stations along the line of the Richmond and Alleghany Railroad last night:

	5 P. M.	8 P. M.
Scottsville	7 ft. 9 in.	7 ft. 9 in.
Lynchburg	8 ft. 6 in.	8 ft. 6 in.
Chillicothe	8 ft. 8 in.	8 ft. 8 in.
Richmond	10 ft.	10 ft.

At the last report the river continued at all the points reported from, but the rain which had been falling steadily for two days west of Lynchburg had ceased, and there was very little snow left. Danger was apprehended from Columbia.

THE SITUATION AT LYNCHBURG AT MIDNIGHT—THE WATER STILL RISING, BUT NO OVERFLOW—CLEARING WEATHER AND A MORE HOPEFUL OUTLOOK.

LYNCHBURG, Va., February 9—Midnight. The river is still rising, but there is no overflow yet. It is reported that the water-guards at the lock are still withstanding the force of the water. The weather is clearing up, and if no more rain falls the probabilities are that a disastrous freshet will not occur.

FARMVILLE.

LOOK AT THE TOWN—ITS APPEARANCE, GOVERNMENT, AND INDUSTRIES—AS A TOBACCO MARKET—COUNTY PRODUCTS—HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE AND UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

(Special Correspondence of the Dispatch.)

FEBRUARY 8, 1884.

Farmville is one of the prettiest towns in Virginia. It is in Prince Edward county, on the Norfolk and Western railroad, 69 miles from Lynchburg and 124 from Richmond via Burkeville. The population is estimated at 2,000. The business is built chiefly of brick. There are several very handsome private residences in the place. The streets are beautifully laid off, and the sidewalks are paved with stone-flagging. It is lighted at night by lamps. There are no water-works, but the supply of water, obtained from numerous springs and wells, is very good.

The town is incorporated, and has a mayor (Dr. W. H. Thaxton), council, and police force. The number of stores are: General merchandise, 16; bookstores, 1; drugstores, 3; confectioneries, 3; commission-houses, 6; hotels, 1; boarding-houses, 4; tobacco-factories, 1; steamboats, 3; tobacco warehouses, 3; newspapers, 1. There are here 6 churches (4 white and 2 colored). The churches are divided denominationally as follows: Baptist, 1 white (Rev. Dr. Nelson, pastor), and 1 colored (Rev. Mr. Hunter, pastor), and 1 colored (Presbyterian, 1); Episcopal, 1 (Rev. Mr. Laird, rector).

AS A TOBACCO MARKET.

Farmville has long been known as one of the most active tobacco markets in Southside Virginia, and its reputation has been fully maintained this season. It is nothing unusual at this time to see numbers of wagons and ox-carts loaded with the leaf of the tobacco brought in from the adjoining counties. In the leaf market there is considerable stir and activity. Prices are good, owing chiefly to the fact that the crop cultivated was short. It is said that the best class of tobacco is being held back by the farmers in the hope of obtaining higher prices. Business-men from Richmond and Lynchburg, engaged in the tobacco trade deal a great deal in Farmville. This town is the mercantile centre for the counties of Buckingham, Cumberland, Appomattox, and Nottingham.

The flour mill of G. W. Davis has been recently overhauled and new machinery of modern pattern put in place of the old. The flour is of superior grade, and a ready market is found for it. The foundry is doing a good business.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY.

Seven miles south of Farmville is Hampden-Sidney College. The number of students is eighty-five. Dr. McIlwain is the president of the college, and is assisted by Professor J. Edgar Hale, Thomas and Harding. The Union Theological Seminary, near the college, is in most flourishing condition. The loss of Dr. Dabney is still felt.

COUNTY PRODUCTS.

The chief products of the county of Prince Edward are, besides tobacco, corn, wheat, and oats, and some attention is also being given to the growing of fruit. The lands are not so rich nor in as high a state of cultivation as those seen in many other sections, although they have been greatly improved in the last few years. What is most needed is to put the roads of the county in better condition. A scheme for that purpose is being discussed.

ARAMINTA.

BLAIR'S CHLORAL THYMOL PROPHTHATIC AND DISINFECTANT.

For sale by Druggists. Price 50 cents a bottle.

Read the following:

"BLAIR'S CHLORAL THYMOL PROPHTHATIC is the best disinfectant that I have ever used." (Signed) HUNTER MCGUIRE, M.D.

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ARE YOU GOING TO GET MARRIED?

If so, go to

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DOVE'S TURP-OIL.

RICHMOND, VA., December 29, 1883.

I HAVE BEEN SUFFERING WITH THE CHILBLAINS for three days so bad that I could not walk. I used one half a bottle of TURP-OIL, and it cured them so that in two days I was able to work again.

Respectfully, PETER KRUG.

For sale by all druggists. Price 25c. ja 1

BOOKS, STATIONERY, &c.

SECOND EDITIONS OF "No. 40. A ROMANCE OF FORTRESS MONROE AND SOLDIER LIFE IN THE ARMY OF NORTH-CAROLINA." BY JOHN W. BARNES.

and upright character. His remains will be brought here on Monday for interment. A fine, result of a defective flu, occurred in the Jewish synagogue, on Union street, this morning just before the assembling of the congregation for worship. It was fortunately extinguished before serious damage had been done, and it is believed \$500 will cover the loss. The edifice is insured in the Virginia Mutual for \$5,000, and the furniture for \$1,000 in the Liverpool and London.

Bishop Randolph will administer confirmation here on Sunday the 17th instant, and Bishop White is expected to visit Petersburg on Ash Wednesday.

A number of important building contracts have recently been awarded, and work to commence as soon as the weather opens.

ROBIN ADAMS.

WILLIAMSBURG.

A GRAND BALL IN THE ANCIENT CAPITAL—THE GENTLEMEN RETURN THE COMPLIMENT.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

FEBRUARY 9, 1884.

The leap-year ball given last month by the young ladies of Williamsburg, proved to have been of such an enjoyable character that the young gentlemen, to show their appreciation of that brilliant event, determined to return the compliment in a manner that should firmly establish their preeminence in the science of dancing and fascination through the grand medium of a society ball. Accordingly a large and fashionable company of revellers met last night in the college building, and the "young men's ball" passed off with the greatest eclat.

The ball-room was tastefully decorated with lace curtains, evergreens, &c., and presented a most beautiful sight as the dancers circled along its polished floor. The ladies were all in full-dress costume. Music was furnished by a portion of the Artillery School Band from Fort Monroe, and the ball was opened by the Virginia reel. After a splendid supper at 1 A. M. the dancing was resumed and continued until 5 o'clock. The visiting ladies who graced the occasion were Miss Braxton of Richmond, Miss Branch of James City county, Miss Willbourn of Hampton, and Miss Young of Warwick county. Messrs. J. R. Norment and H. Norment, of Richmond, were among the guests. Hon. B. B. Munford was expected, but was detained by legislative business.

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Death of the Sheriff of Isle of Wight.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

WINDSOR, Va., February 9.—L. B. Edwards died here this morning at 9:45 o'clock. He had been sheriff of this county for twelve years and was very popular. His funeral will take place from the Baptist church here to-morrow. He will be buried by the Masonic fraternity.

Killed by a Railroad Train.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, Va., February 9, 1884.

The incoming express on the Seaboard and Roanoke railroad ran over and killed a negro named Robinson this afternoon near Littleton, N. C. The negro was drunk and walking along the track. He was shockingly mangled.

Late Weather Report.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 10.—1:30 A. M.—For the Middle Atlantic States, colder, fair weather, preceded in the morning by light local rain or snow near the coast, winds shifting to northerly, higher barometer.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was cloudy and rainy.

THEMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 46°; 9 A. M., 48°; noon, 51°; 3 P. M., 56°; 6 P. M., 57°; midnight, 50°.

Mean temperature, 44-6.

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MARRIAGES.

Married, at the Second Presbyterian church on January 25, by the Rev. M. D. Logan, STUART, D. CRAIG to JULIA T. BOTT; both of Richmond. No cards.

DEATHS.

Died, February 9th, at his late residence, No. 513 north seventh street, of consumption, REV. E. J. KELTON.

His funeral will take place THIS (Sunday) AFTERNOON from the Lane Street Methodist Episcopal church at 3 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

Died, yesterday morning, at 8 o'clock, JOHN L. WATERS, native of St. Peter's Cathedral, aged eighty-one years.

Funeral will take place at 2 o'clock THIS (Sunday) AFTERNOON, from St. Peter's Cathedral. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

Died, at his residence, "Clifford," in Gloucester county, February 8th, PETER KEMP, in the forty-sixth year of his age.

CHRISTADELPHIA ECCLESIA.

(No. 2400 east Marshall street)—Meet at 11 o'clock A. M. Subject, "Christianity and Insurance."

BISHOP GRANBERY WILL preach the annual sermon before the Young Men's Missionary Society of Grace-Street Baptist church TO-NIGHT at 7:30 o'clock.

CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH.—Rev. RICHARD BOYNS, English Wesleyan minister, will preach at 11 A. M. No service at night.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, (corner Main and Sixth streets)—Rev. W. W. LANDRUM will preach TO-DAY at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

VENABLE-STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. C. P. SCOTT, at 11 A. M. and by Rev. F. C. G. ELSON, of the Fulton Baptist church, at 7:45 P. M. All are cordially invited to attend. Sunday-school at 9:30 A. M.

METHODIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL SOCIETY.—The regular monthly meeting of the METHODIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL SOCIETY OF RICHMOND AND MANCHESTER will be held at Clay-street Methodist church THIS (Sunday) AFTERNOON at 3 o'clock. Special arrangements have been made to make this a profitable meeting. All friends of the cause are invited to attend.

A. L. WEST, President.

Charles P. Ruddy, Secretary.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (corner of Fourth and Franklin streets).—Song service every SUNDAY afternoon at 3:15. All invited. Young men's meeting MONDAY EVENINGS at 8:30; Secretary's conversational Bible study THURSDAY EVENINGS at 8:30; Boys' meeting FRIDAY EVENINGS at 8; International lesson study SATURDAY EVENINGS at 8.

Meetings for railroad-men first and third Sundays in each month in the Richmond and Danville reading-rooms, Manchester; second and fourth Sundays in the Chesapeake and Ohio reading-rooms, at depot.

MEETINGS.

FEBRUARY 9, 1884.

MASONIC NOTICE.—The members of LOGE FRANCAISE, No. 53, A. F. and A. M., are requested to attend the stated communication of their lodge at St. Albans' Hall on Monday, February 11th, at 7 o'clock P. M. Members of sister lodges fraternally invited to attend.

By order of the W. M., WILLIAM LOVENSTEIN, Secretary.

O. O. F.—THE VISITING COMMITTEE of the Order in this city will entertain the lodge of FRIENDSHIP LODGE